

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 9-12 are pending; Claims 5-8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; Claims 9-12 are newly added; and no claims have been amended herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and favorable action is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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